

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Kato et al.  
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For : INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 13, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on February 13, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.